

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, claims 2 and 10 are amended, and claims 1, 5-9 and 12-14 are canceled. Claims 2-4, 10 and 11 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

**I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103**

Claims 1, 9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Shiochi (2000-350231 Japan).

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okada (USPN 5,898,504).

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiochi in view of Okada.

The indication that claims 2-4, 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged and appreciated.

By this response, claims 2 and 10 are amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the respective base claim and claims 1, 5-9 and 12-14 are canceled. Consequently, amended claims 2 and 10 are believed to be allowable, as re claims 3, 4 and 11.

**II. CONCLUSION**

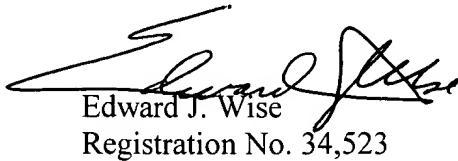
Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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